

# FINEST DUTCH STEAMER SUNK

## SINKING IS DUE TO A TORPEDO

Or a Mine with the General Belief That It is Act of a Submarine.

THREE AMERICANS ABOARD

Small Number of Lives is Believed to Be Lost in the Sinking of the Ship.

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The newest and finest steamship sailing under the Dutch flag, the Tubantia, of the Holland-Lloyd line, was sunk shortly before dawn yesterday thirty miles off the Dutch coast. Although it is not positively established whether the sinking was due to a mine or a torpedo there is a singular unanimity on the part of those who were on board in attributing it to a submarine act. The crew bases its belief in this regard chiefly on the intense violence of the explosion and on the fact that it occurred amidships.

The vessel was outward bound from Amsterdam to South American ports, carrying a crew of 294 and eighty-two passengers, the latter mostly neutrals, including three Americans. The ship bore the usual identification marks of its neutral character including an illuminated name and flag.

The disaster has created a profound sensation throughout Holland, where the ship was a great popular favorite owing to its size and luxurious appointments. The press comments reflect anger and indignation.

It is now believed there was a small number of lives lost in the sinking of the Tubantia, either in the explosion or in an accident which attended the launching of a lifeboat.

According to all reports there was no panic, everyone on board behaving splendidly. The boats were launched in their appointed order and the passengers were all taken off first. The rescue work was difficult, owing to the darkness and the heavy sea. The boats were several hours in finding the Noordhinder lightship, which was two miles away.

The captain and part of the crew remained on the gradually sinking ship for sometime, the wireless apparatus keeping up the work of guiding Dutch vessels to the rescue. The captain was on the vessel for two hours after it was struck and was the last to leave. The rescuing vessels took the passengers and crew to Flushing, Amsterdam and the Hook.

AMERICAN CONSULS TO PROBE SEA DISASTER

WASHINGTON, March 17.—American consuls in Holland have been instructed to investigate the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia with Americans on board, said to have been torpedoed.

Consular agents at Gibraltar and Lisbon have been instructed to investigate the reported unsuccessful attempt to torpedo the French liner Patria.

PROVES ALIBI

And Arless Edgell is Acquitted of Charge of Highway Robbery.

Arless Edgell, the young man who was recently arrested at Northview under a charge of feloniously holding up, beating and robbing William Pose and Pot Spink, Mount Clare foreigners, last December, on a car track here, established an alibi at a trial late Thursday in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court and was discharged from custody.

It was shown to the satisfaction of the court that Edgell was elsewhere at the time of the hold-up and also that he was wearing a black overcoat that night, whereas the complainants swore that the man wanted wore a light overcoat.

Officer Fools a Negro But Negro Fools Him

Dispenser of Tea for Whiskey May Get In Bad, However, As Dope Seller.

Despite the fact that a negro giving the name of Samuel Toper sold John Siers, special county officer, two bottles of supposed whiskey which turned out to be nothing but cold tea, into Thursday in Traders alley, Mr. Siers believes he has captured a dope seller. Toper had a complete dope outfit of morphine, cocaine, spoons, a hypodermic needle and the like in his pockets when searched at the county jail.

The officer effected the arrest of Toper by purchasing two bottles of supposed whiskey from him for \$2 each. When the negro passed over the bottles, the officer told him to slip them in his overcoat pockets. In the act of doing so, a handcuff was snapped on the negro's wrist and he was marched to the county jail, where he is now a prisoner awaiting further developments. The bottles of tea not only had the usual whiskey labels on the sides but also fresh government stamps pasted across the corks.

CARRANZA FRIENDLY

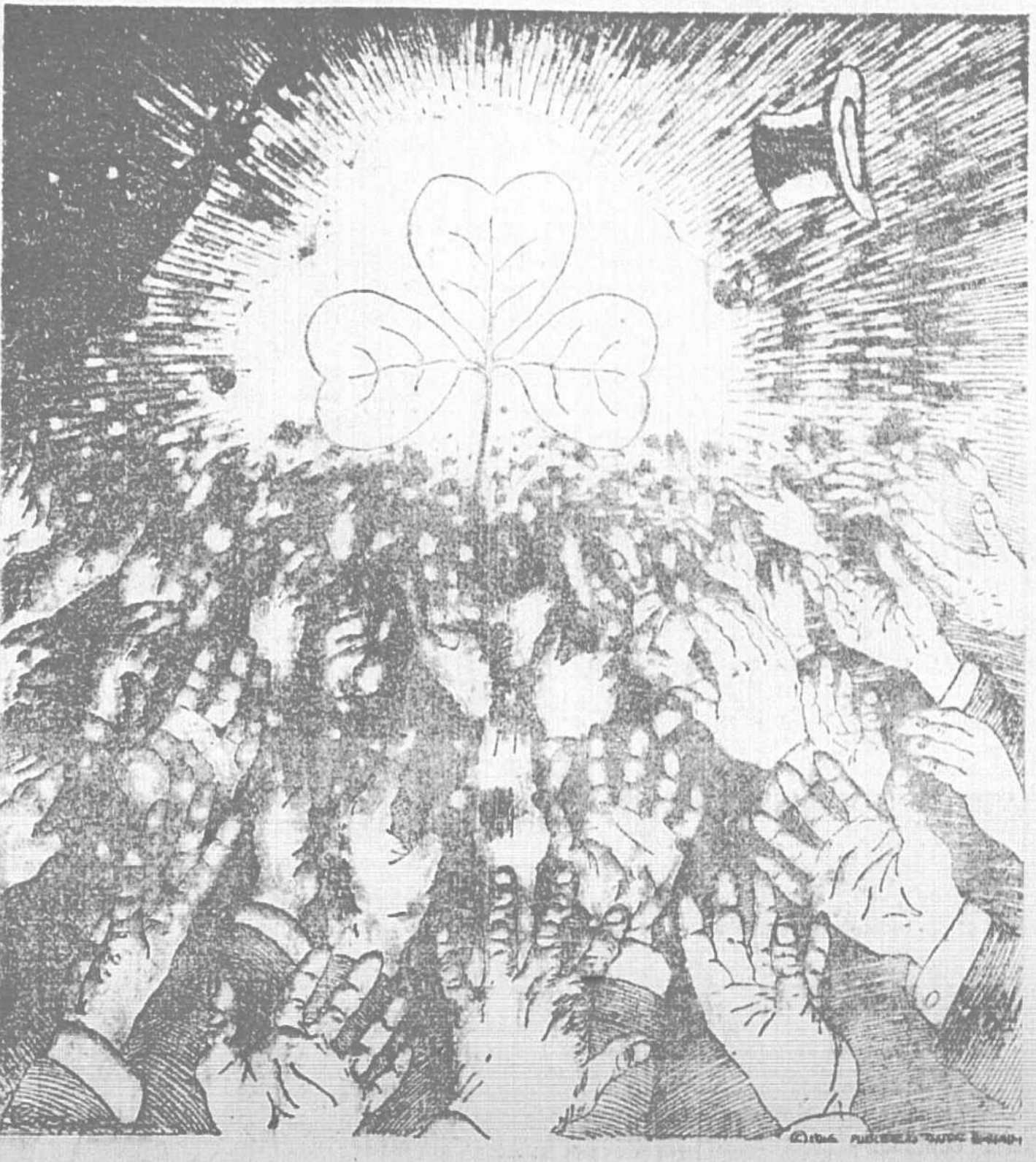
Consul Silliman Reports and No Trouble from His Forces is Expected Now.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Very satisfactory assurances regarding the attitude of the Carranza government towards the entrance of American troops into Mexico were conveyed to the state department today by Consul Silliman, who is with General Carranza. He reported that no trouble from the Carranza forces was to be expected.

SON BORN.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Williams, on Webster street Thursday evening and left a ten pound son. Mr. Williams who is a well known oil well driller is celebrating today. Mrs. Williams and the babe are getting along nicely.

## THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN



Local Men Volunteer For Mexican Service

TRADE BOARD CAMPAIGN IS GIVEN IMPETUS

At Mass Meeting in the Court-house, Address by Grosvenor or Dawe, of Washington.

The board of trade campaign for new members was given a great impetus by the mass meeting in the court house Thursday evening, which was addressed by Grosvenor Dawe, of Washington, D. C. "Back the Board of Trade" was the slogan voiced by the speaker throughout his address. His arguments were logical and convincing.

He told his hearers of a town just building into a city that "hit the skids" simply because its business men had not held together. "The same thing is applicable to Clarksburg," he said. "Its resources must be preserved—there must be united and organized effort among the business men that the greatest efficiency may be derived from the city. The wholesaler in Clarksburg, after all, realizes that he can only do a certain amount of business—that after that has been accomplished he is through. The way to sell more shoes in Clarksburg is to have more feet. This applies to all lines of business. You must have a great Clarksburg—must make the city attractive—induce new comers to this city—to do this is by united and organized efforts.

FARM BUREAU RESOLUTION IS MADE PUBLIC

Relating to Pure Bred Sires as Recently Adopted by That Body Assembled.

W. D. Zinn, county agent, Friday made public the following resolution recently adopted by the Harrison County Farm Bureau, which was drafted by a committee consisting of George O. McKinley, Charles A. Sutton and L. L. Young:

Whereas, the live stock industry in the state of West Virginia is one of the state's most potential factors of wealth, representing as it does an investment of approximately forty million dollars, and

Whereas, the wealth, so represented, could be materially and beneficially increased by the entire elimination of all grades sires and the substitution thereof of pure bred sires:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by

St. Patrick's Day

(By Ignatius Brennan, March 16.)

—Air—"The Wearin' of the Green."

Tomorrow is the day we'll wear upon our coat lapels The cherished green of Ireland from her hallowed hills and dells; No odds the nationality, we'll throw that thing away And every one be Irish on dear old Saint Patrick's day.

We'll start at early morning when the sun's dispelled the shade And make all last arrangements for a great big fine parade And through our busy thoroughfares let every one be seen A-marchin' to the music of—"The Wearin' of the Green."

We'll make it cosmopolitan, like all best things today, The band ahead dispensing airs that make us bright and gay, Then right behind we'll fall in line (pray who would once refuse) The Germans, English, Scotch and Dutch, Italians, Greek and Jews. We'll sing of dear Saint Patrick in those stirring days gone by, How he put the shamrock on the map and caused the snakes to die; We'll talk the "Hill of Tara," 'till you'd swear it can be seen And all the while a-steppin' to—"The Wearin' of the Green."

We'll scan the situation over when the start is made— Everybody's happy and quite anxious to parade— The creditors and debtors are exchanging smiles so grand, And those who'd be our senators, a-marchin' hand in hand. "The rivals in all business lines have laid aside all strife; Good feelings all run riot and good wishes all run rife; Even Republicans and Democrats and Drys and Wets are gay—"Check-be-jowl!" together on this fine Saint Patrick's day.

You'll see Dick Murphy up in front a-marchin' on so true, With Erin's flag a-twinin' with our own "Red, White and Blue"— Al O'Murdoch as chief marshal, Smith McTurner as his aide, And Chiefs O'Smith, McEggenrecht, inspectors of parade, The O'Martins and McNellis, the McConaughys, O'Moore; The O'Lehmanns and McGregors, the McDouglases and O'Shores, The O'Swartzs and McHershes riding in the same machine With Maloney and O'Carneys whistlin—"Wearin' of the Green."

The McGoldsteins and O'Kramers, the O'Hiteshevs and McBride; The O'Kremans and McBroidas and O'Helms, side-by-side; The McTonkins and O'Jacksons, the McNathans and O'Coynes With McRathbones and O'Waxelbaums discussin' of the Byrne. The O'Sterns, O'Smiths, McOllivers, O'Leonnards and McGralls, The McMullens and O'Jenningses, a-tellin' Irish tales; And every one so proud to be lined up in this array— I hope we'll live to see this stunt some fine Saint Patrick's day.

## NIGHT MARCHES IN VILLA CHASE

OIL \$2.60

Another Advance of Ten Cents a Barrel in West Virginia Crude Announced.

PITTSBURG, March 17.—Another advance in the price of crude oils at the opening of the market this morning carried the Pennsylvania grade to \$2.60 a barrel, the record, which was last paid on April 18, 1895, when it was maintained for only twenty-four hours. On that occasion it reacted to \$2.40, but there is no such movement in prospect now, according to leading oil interests.

Other new prices named today were Cabell, \$2.12; Mercer black, New Castle and Corning, \$2.10; Somerset, \$1.95; and Ragland, ninety cents.

This is an advance of ten cents a barrel on each grade except Ragland, which advanced five cents.

Failure of repeated advances in the last several months to increase the supply of crude oils available has been reported. Refiners, however, expect to replenish their tanks, they say, from the oil held in storage and which they felt was being held by producers for \$2.50. Now they feel that little short of \$3 a barrel will move this reserve.

GOING TO PARKERSEBURG.

J. W. Robinson, of the McCrory five and ten cent store here, will succeed John E. Ruprecht as manager of the concern's store in Parkersburg, the latter having been transferred to Olean, N. Y.

Are Likely to Be Made by General Pershing's Expeditionary Forces into Mexico.

WANT TO PUZZLE VILLA

No Music for Soldiers as No Regimental Bands Are Taken with Either Command.

SAN ANTONIO, March 17.—The American expeditionary force has had no casualties nor clashes with Villistas to date, according to reports received today at Fort Sam Houston. There has been no instances of sniping reported.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 17.—Night marches probably will be made by General John J. Pershing's expeditionary forces in their search for Francisco Villa, it was indicated today at Fort Sam Houston.

Night marches, it was said, would help to juggle Villa as to the movements of the American columns and would keep the men and horses fresher. Days could be used for reconnoitering.

There will be no music for the soldiers of either General Pershing or General Dodd's command, while on the march or in camp. Not a single regimental band has been taken with the expedition. This is because it was desired not to handicap the expedition with any useless appendage.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE FIRED ON BY SNIPERS

EL PASO, March 17.—Reports that American troops under command of Brigadier General J. J. Pershing had been fired upon by snipers as they continued their hunt for Francisco Villa remained unconfirmed Friday.

Sniping and even the possible killing or wounding of a few American soldiers by these long ranged marksmen was not regarded here as an indication that the United States army's march into Mexico up to date was otherwise than a peaceful expedition so far as a majority of the Mexican people are concerned.

A few definite facts about the American expedition Friday stood out with considerable clearness as the result of official published reports and the news brought here by Americans, who have been in touch with some portion of the American movement. It seems certain that of the two columns, which are "somewhere in Mexico," one was constituted for speed while the other apparently was moving more slowly.

The swift footed column was the auxiliary army seemingly mostly cavalry which went into Mexico about fifty miles west of the main army of General Pershing when his forces crossed at Columbus, N. M.

The second column has surrounded the movements of the main column has been slight compared with the record of this western force. There is reason to believe that the western column may have gone into Mexico earlier than the main body. Every report arriving here asserts that the western wing has travelled the farther. By these same reports the two columns will form a junction near the threatened American Mormon colony in the Casas Grandes region.

"Submarines" Seen by Nervous Passengers

Here from India, Man Tells Amusing Incidents of Voyage through War Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Griffin, formerly of this vicinity and well known here, arrived in the city this morning from New York. While here they will be guests of Mrs. Griffin's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, of Mechanic street.

Mr. Griffin has just returned from India, where he has been for the last five years, employed as a field inspector in the oil fields there.

The trip from India to this country was a very eventful one and Mr. Griffin relates many interesting and amusing incidents, relative to the constant fear and watch for submarines, mines and torpedoes. Remarkable on this, Mr. Griffin said that while crossing the Mediterranean, it was a common occurrence for nervous passengers to "see" all manners of submarines and torpedoes. Their constant warnings, generally proving only a "white cap" or a piece of floating timber, were soon disregarded entirely.

On arrival in London, Mr. Griffin said the changed appearance of that city was noticeable. Especially so at night, when the city was plunged into darkness, even automobiles being refused permission to use headlights.

He describes the damage done by Zeppelin raids, and said the people of the city were in constant dread of their recurrence.

The trip from London to New York was uneventful, with the exception of a short delay in its scheduled departure, causing many rumors which were without foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will visit here for a few weeks before departing for New York, from where Mr. Griffin will again sail for India, leaving May 1.

## CARRANZA SOLDIERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

WAR VETERAN

Passes on at Home of His Son, Thomas M. Kennedy, in Broad Oaks.

James T. Kennedy, aged 86 years, a Civil war veteran died at 9:45 o'clock Friday morning at the home of his son, Thomas M. Kennedy, 146 Daisy street, Broad Oaks, following a lingering illness of diseases incident to old age. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet but the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Thomas M. Kennedy, of Broad Oaks, a son; Mrs. Alcesta Wolfe, of Glen Falls, and Mrs. Martha Thompson, of Shinnston, daughters. Mrs. Susan Sharps, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a sister, also survives.

Mr. Kennedy was a painter, but had not worked at his chosen occupation for a number of years on account of ill health. He was a life-long member of the Republican party. He served several years in the army during the Civil war.

LAREDO, Tex., March 17.—Four Carranza soldiers and ten civilians were killed in an explosion of a carload of grenades and artillery ammunition in the yard of the national railroad lines at Monterrey, Mexico, last Tuesday, according to passengers reaching here Friday from Monterrey. The news was suppressed by the Carranza authorities because of the tension existing between the United States and Mexico.

All the dead and injured were Mexicans. Immediately after the explosion a mountainous cloud of smoke spread over the city and the cry "The American have arrived" rang throughout the poorer sections.

If the disaster was caused by carelessness among the military guards about the car it will remain unknown as everybody in the immediate vicinity was killed.

The Carranza authorities suppressed publication of the news as it was feared the poor classes would rise against the Americans.